

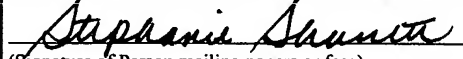
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| DISCHARGE LASER WITH PRECISE   | ) |                            |
| PULSE TIMING CONTROL           | ) |                            |

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the specification as follows: